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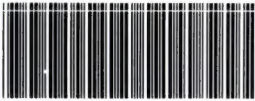



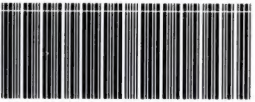
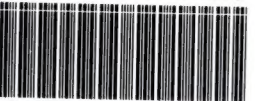
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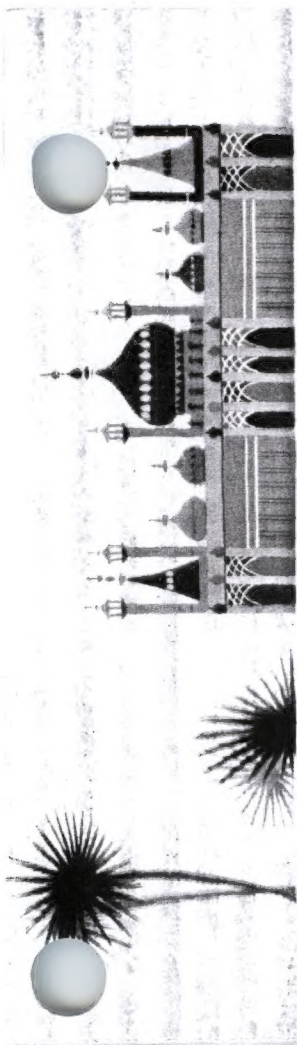
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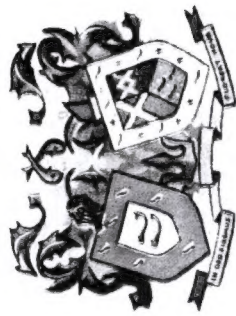


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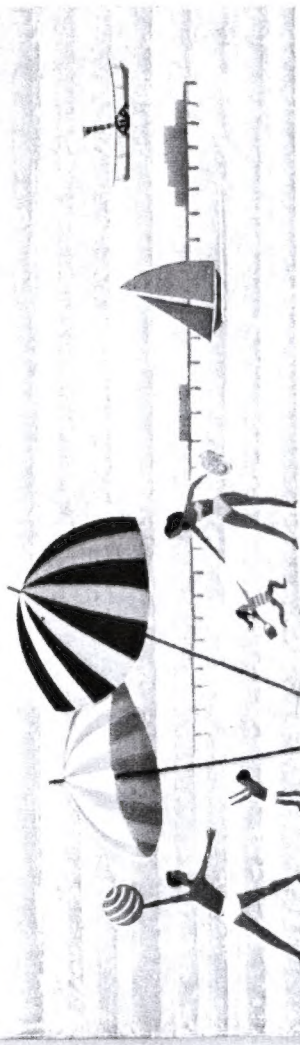
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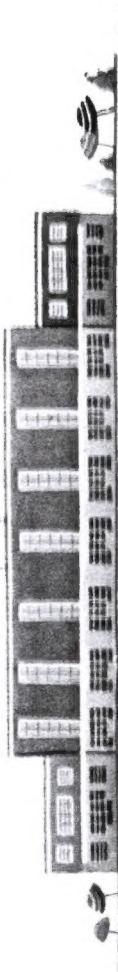


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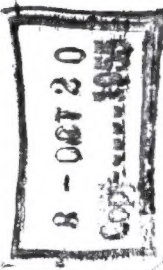


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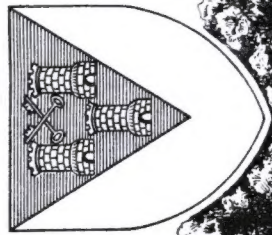
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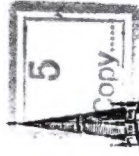


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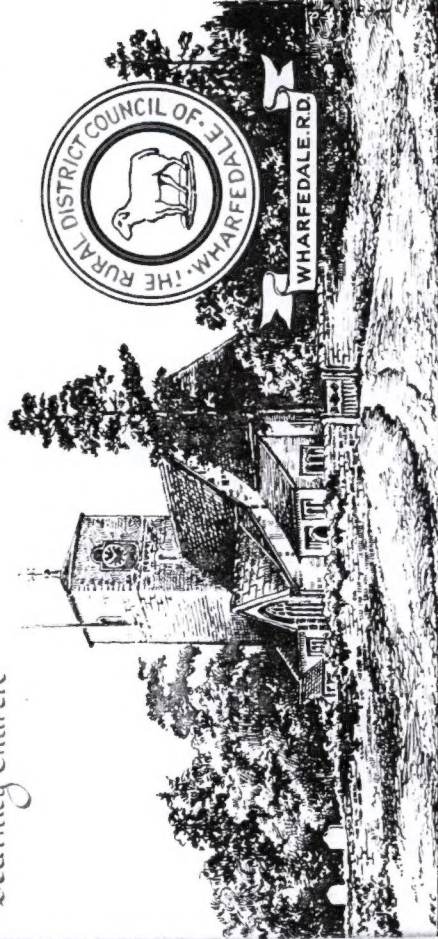
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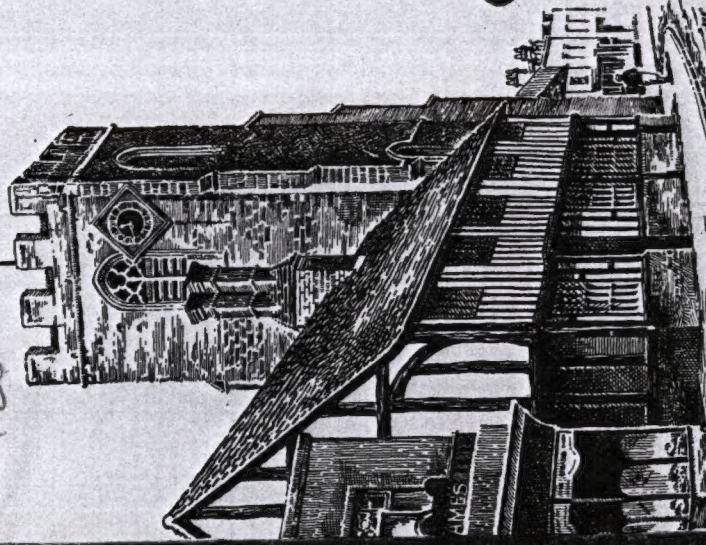
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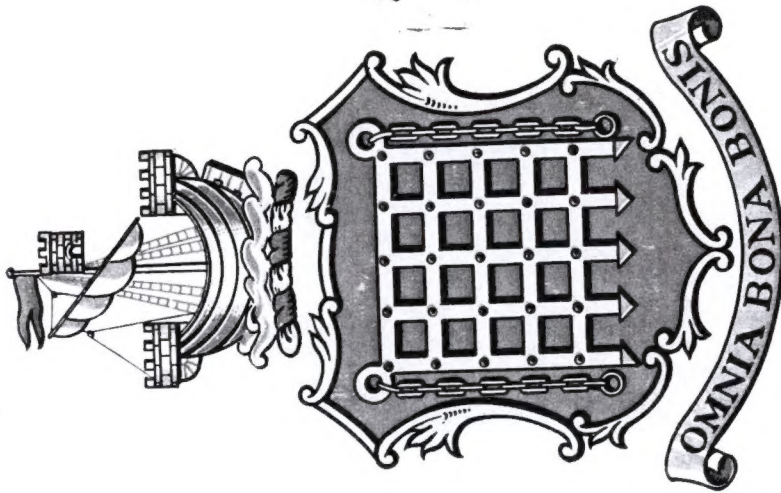
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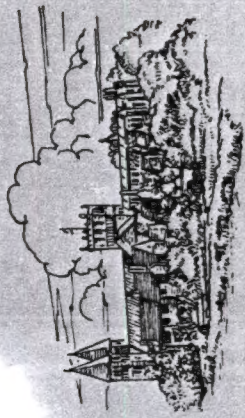
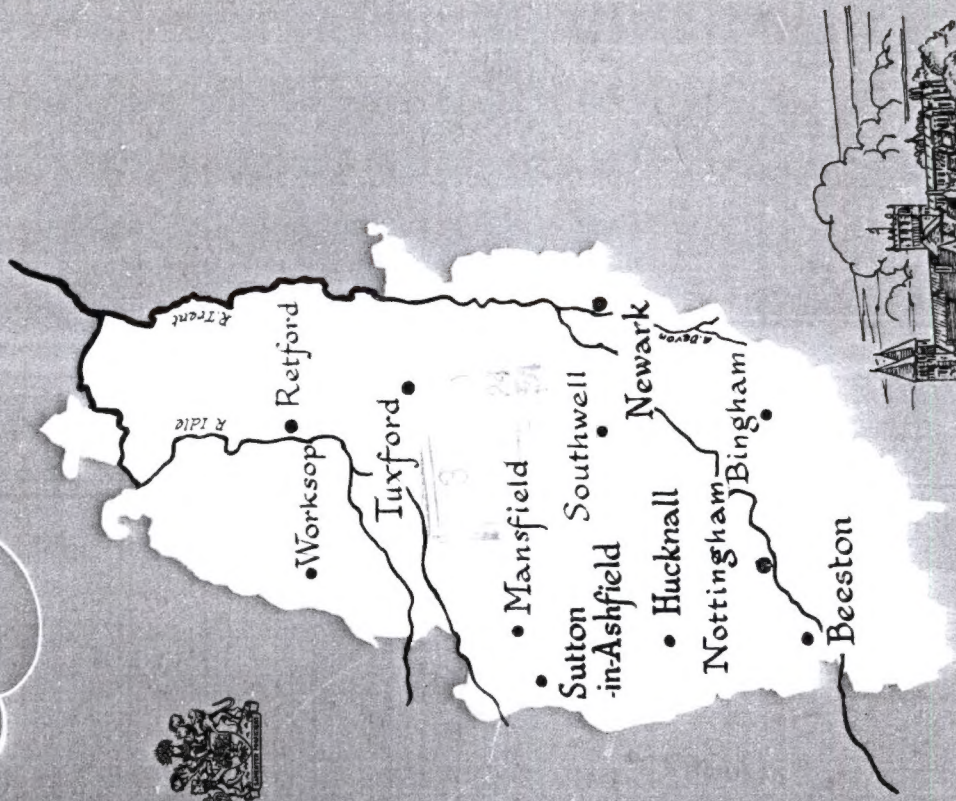


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Stanton Drew Stone Circles

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HISTORY

ABOUT six miles south of Bristol, and immediately east of the village of Stanton Drew, is a group of stone circles which is almost as important in Wessex as Stonehenge and Avebury. There are three stone circles (two of which have stone avenues extending eastwards from them), a 'cove', and a single standing stone known as Hautville's Quoit. A line drawn south-westwards through the centres of the North-eastern Circle and Great Circle will pass through the 'Cove', and these three monuments were therefore probably all constructed at the same period. A line drawn through the centre of the South-western and Great Circles will, if projected North-eastwards, continue to Hautville's Quoit; from which it appears that those three elements also are contemporary. Therefore all the elements in the Stanton Drew group are probably of the same period - somewhere between 2000 and 1400 B.C.

The stones are mostly of the local conglomerate. One or two are stated to be of oolite probably from Dundry about three miles to the north, while Hautville's Quoit and possibly others may be of sarsen. All this group of stone circles is in the guardianship of the Ministry of Works except Hautville's Quoit and the stones at Middle Ham Farm.

The Great Circle and Avenue

The Great Circle is 365-370 feet in diameter north-to-south, and very slightly less east-to-west, being not quite circular. It is composed of a series of somewhat irregularly spaced stones of which there were originally at least 30, 27 being still visible, while two more are known by probing to exist near the point of junction with the Avenue. The Avenue, extending slightly north of due east towards the River Chew,

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Richborough Castle

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(The letters in brackets refer to the plan)

RICHBOROUGH in Roman times lay on the east side of a small island in the wide channel of the Wantsum, which at that time separated Thanet and the Stonor Bank from the mainland of Kent.

Fragments of Early Iron Age pottery found on the site suggest that it was occupied about the third century B.C., but its importance in history begins with the Roman invasion of Britain in the reign of Claudius in A.D. 43. The invading army consisted of four legions and auxiliaries under the command of Aulus Plautius, and it is probable that the whole force landed here, because defensive ditches of the period have been found (A) enclosing a large area. The island was probably the Roman base until the success of the invasion was ensured, and was known to the Romans as Rutupia. Towards the end of the reign of Claudius (A.D. 41-54) it became a supply depot, and some buildings (B4) were erected to the north of the main east-west road near the entrance of the earliest camp. About the same time a series of granaries and other large buildings were put up on the other side of the road (B1, B2, B3) and some other structures to the north (B5).

A little before or after A.D. 85 there was a big clearance of the site, all these wooden buildings being swept away. The cause was the erection of a splendid marble-cased building, decked with bronze statues, probably in honour of the Emperor Domitian (A.D. 81-96) and to commemorate the final conquest of Britain by his general, Agricola. The foundation of this still exists (C). To this period belong the house (D1) and the cellar (N), while wattle-and-daub huts for the

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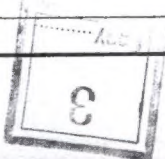
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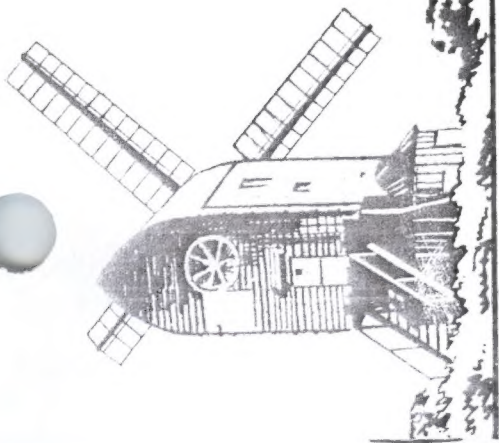
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